



# Equilibrium and transport properties of the quark-gluon plasma at the BES

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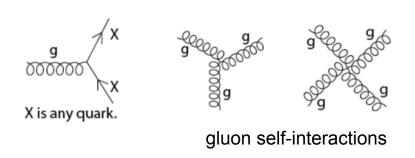
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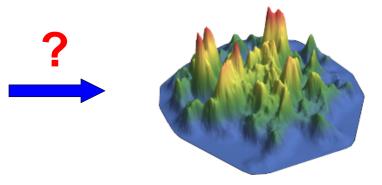
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#### **Quark-gluon plasma: The primordial liquid**

QCD → confinement + asymptotic freedom

#### **Quark-Gluon Plasma**





Plot from Noronha-Hostler, Betz, Gyulassy, JN, PRL 2016

Perfect fluidity:  $\frac{\eta}{s} < 0.2 \rightarrow$  emergent property of QCD at large T and ~ zero net baryon density !

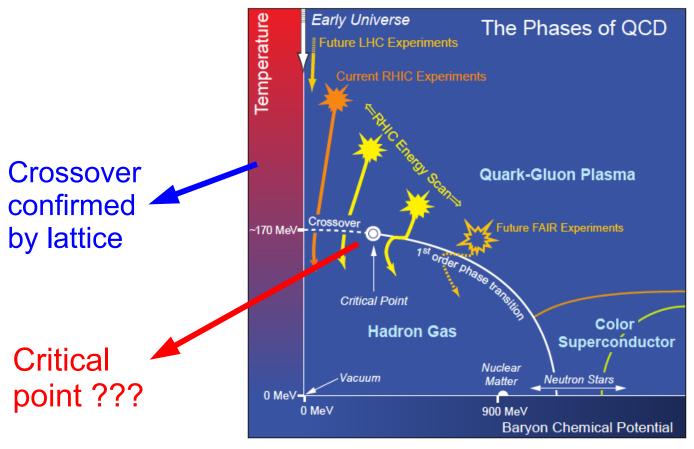
What happens to the primordial liquid in the baryon rich regime?

$$T\sim 100-150\,{\rm MeV}$$

$$\frac{\mu_B}{T} > 3$$

#### **QCD Phase diagram**

**Current** cartoon showing the different phases of QCD

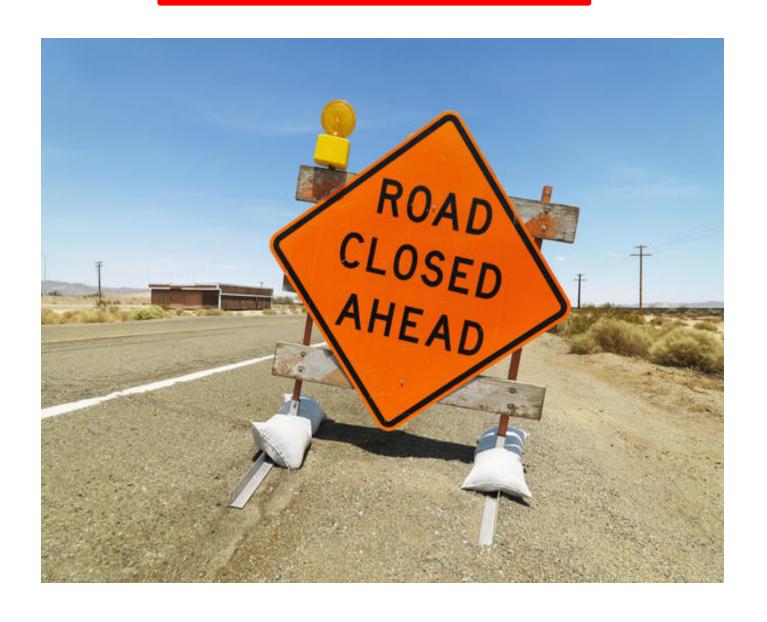


THE REST OF THE PHASE DIAGRAM IS NOT KNOWN

**WHY** ??

(3d Ising universality class)

#### The Fermi sign problem



#### Many-body systems at finite density: The Fermi sign problem

Equilibrium quantities computed using Monte-Carlo method

$$\langle \mathcal{M} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \, \mathcal{M}[\Phi] \, \exp\{-S[\Phi]\} \longrightarrow \langle \mathcal{M} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{c} \mathcal{M}[\Phi^{(c)}]$$

Sample  $\Phi^{(c)}$  using  $\operatorname{Prob}[\Phi] = e^{-S[\Phi]}/Z$ 

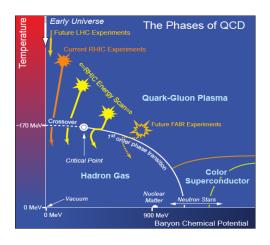
#### Fundamental problem when S is complex

This occurs in QCD at nonzero baryon chemical potential

even though 
$$Z(T,\mu_B)$$
 is well defined

$$\mu_B \neq 0$$

#### Consequences of the Fermi sign problem in QCD



**Hadronic Gas** 

Baryon Chemical Potential µ<sub>B</sub>

- Majority of QCD phase diagram:
   unknown
- EOS of QCD matter in the core of compact stars: unknown
- Location of high T critical point: unknown

heavy ion collisions (e.g., STAR)

Immense discovery potential for the RHIC Beam Energy Scan (BES)

Major experimental effort to search for the critical point using

#### QCD thermodynamics from a Taylor expansion

#### Expand the QCD partition function

$$Z(\mu_B, T) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(e^{-\frac{H_{\text{QCD}} - \mu_B N_B}{T}}\right) = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} \det M[U, \mu_B]$$

in a Taylor series around  $\mu_B = 0$ 

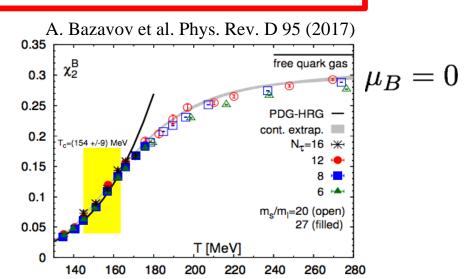
See S. Sharma's talk, Wed

$$\frac{P(T,\mu_B) - P(T,0)}{T^4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \chi_{2n}(T) \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n}$$

#### Baryon susceptibilities

$$\chi_n^B(T, \mu_B) = \frac{\partial^n (P/T^4)}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^n}$$

Few coefficients are known still at  $\mu_B = 0$ 



#### QGP transport coefficients in the baryon rich regime

Now 
$$\frac{\eta}{s}=\frac{\eta}{s}(T,\mu_B)$$
 and  $\frac{\zeta}{s}=\frac{\zeta}{s}(T,\mu_B)$  + new transport coefficients (bulk)

- Conserved currents: baryon, strange, electric  $J_B^\mu,\,J_S^\mu,\,J_Q^\mu$ 

HIC  $\mu_B > \mu_S > \mu_Q$ 

Diffusion of a conserved charge (e.g., baryon)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - D_B \nabla^2 + \ldots\right) \rho_B = 0$$

 $D_B$  Baryon diffusion

 $\sigma_B$  Baryon conductivity

EMBEDDED IN HYDRODYNAMICS

Diffusion process

$$D = \frac{\sigma}{\chi_2}$$



#### How does one describe (nearly) perfect fluidity in a baryon rich QGP?

#### **Model requirements:**

- Deconfinement



Nearly perfect fluidity



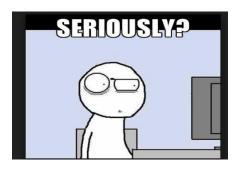
- Agreement with lattice thermodynamics around crossover



- Agreement with lattice results for baryon susceptibilities at M zero baryon density



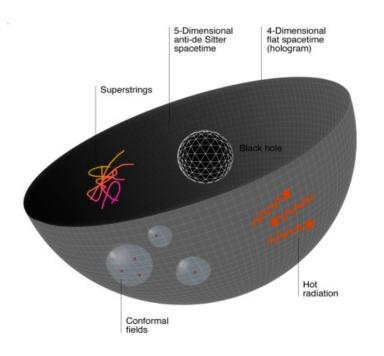
#### A WAY TO FULLFIL THESE CONDITIONS → BLACK HOLES



In science, it is better to ask for forgiveness than permission

#### **Holography (gauge/string duality)**

Maldacena 1997; Witten 1998; Gubser, Polyakov, Klebanov 1998



Strong coupling limit of QFT in 4 dimensions



String Theory/Classical gravity in d>4 dimensions

HOLOGRAPHIC PRINCIPLE

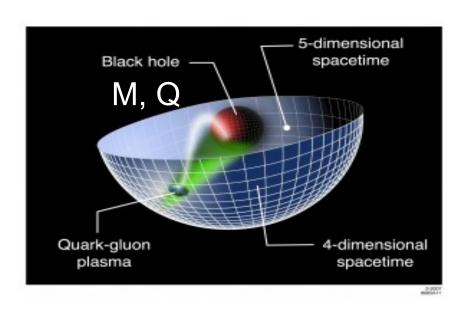
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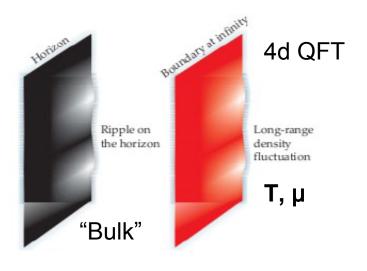
Natural framework for perfect fluidity

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

The holographic correspondence at finite temperature and density

#### Near-equilibrium fluctuations in the plasma ~ black brane fluctuations !!!!





#### Thermodynamics / fluid dynamics from black hole physics

Quasiparticle dynamics replaced by geometry

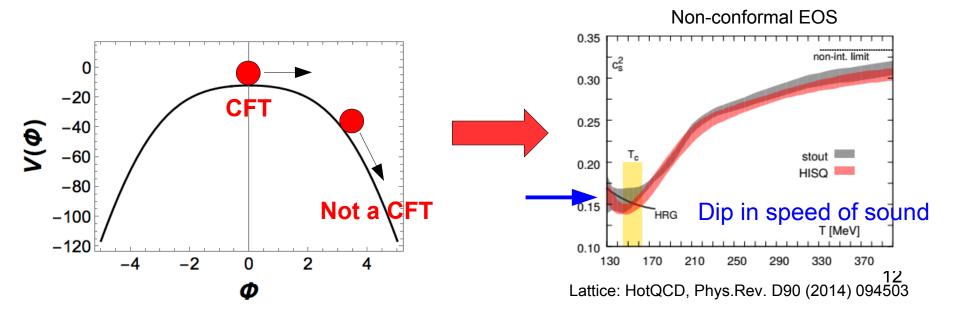
#### Black hole engineering and the non-conformal QGP

Minimal 5d holographic effective theory for a non-conformal plasma

Gubser et al. 2008 Kiritsis et al, 2008 Noronha, 2009

$$S_{\mathrm{ES}}^{(\mathrm{bulk})} = rac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int_{\mathcal{M}_5} d^5 x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - rac{(\partial_M \Phi)^2}{2} - V(\Phi) 
ight]$$

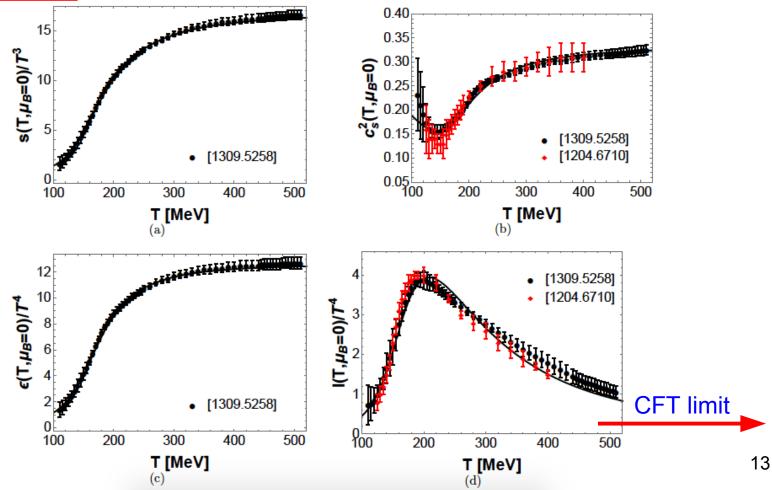
 $\Phi$  is the scalar field and  $V(\Phi)$  is the scalar potential



#### Black hole engineering and the non-conformal QGP

Excellent match to lattice results around crossover (zero baryon density)

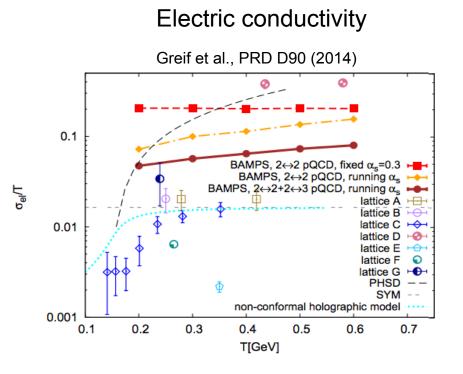
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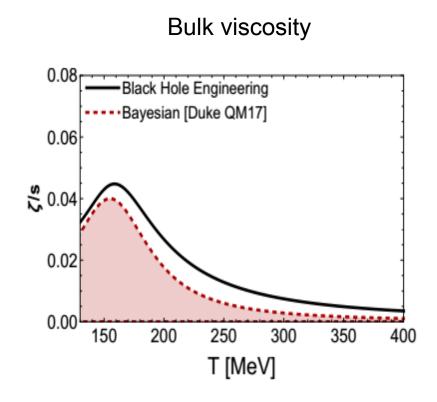


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#### **Transport coefficients**





15+ other transport coefficients have also been computed

PRD 89 (2014), JHEP 1502 (2015), JHEP 1604 (2016), PRL 115 (2015)

#### "Doping" the holographic QGP with quarks

from R. Rougemont, J. Noronha-Hostler, JN, PRL 2015

baryon charge  $ightarrow \; Q_B \;\;\;\; \mu_B 
eq 0$ 

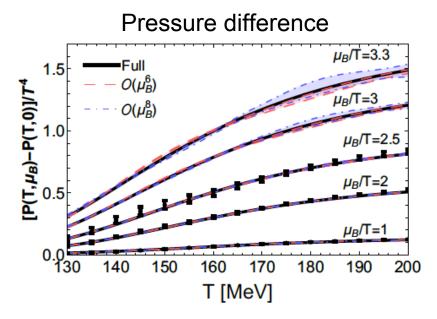


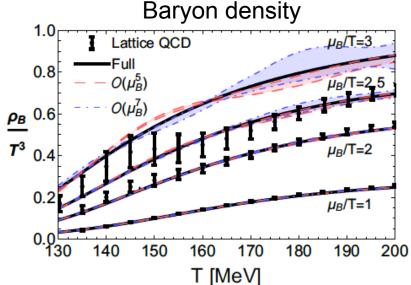
Charged black hole

#### Model matches latest lattice Taylor series results

arXiv:1706.00455

Lattice = A. Bazavov et al. Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017)

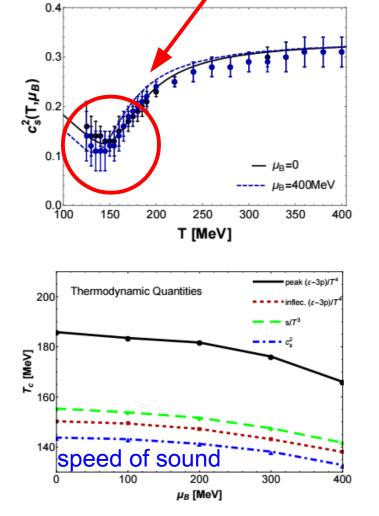


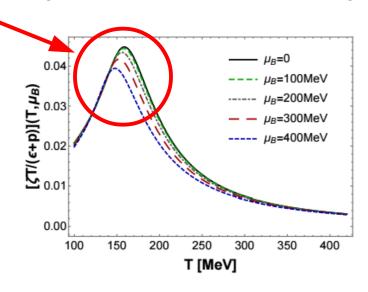


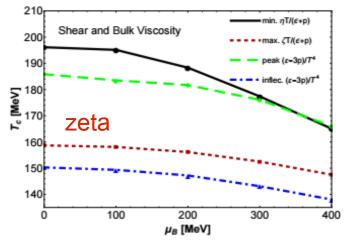
#### **Dynamical vs. Equilibrium Properties of the Phase Transition**

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How do these characteristic temperatures change with nonzero quark doping?



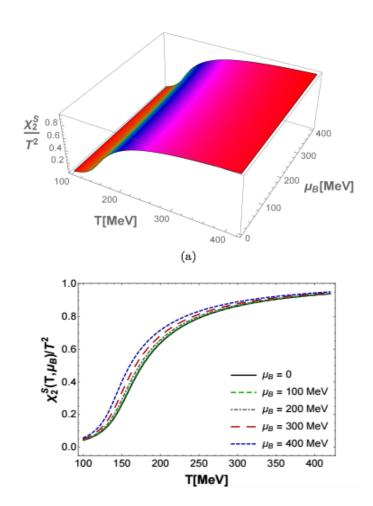




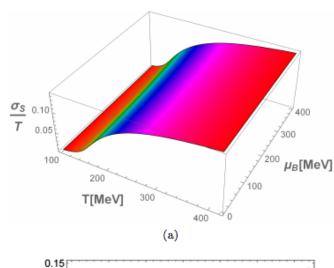
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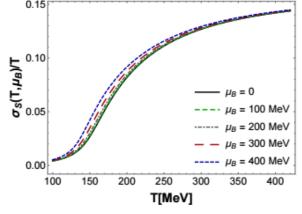
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#### **Transport of strangeness**



Strangeness susceptibility





Strangeness conductivity

#### Realistic calculations of baryon susceptibilities

Non-conformal holographic gravity dual in 5 dimensions

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int \mathrm{d}x^5 \sqrt{-g} \left[ \mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_M \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right]$$

 $V(\phi)$  nonconformal

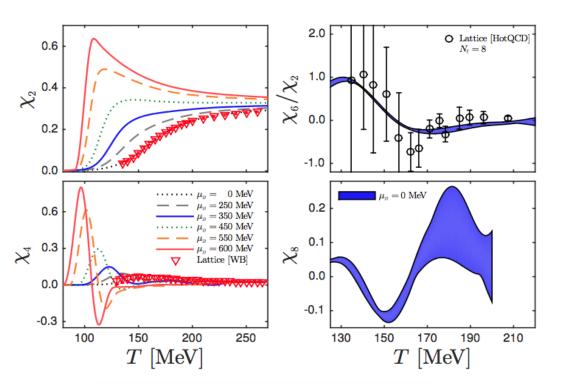
Black Hole Solution

$$-\frac{1}{4}\underbrace{f(\phi)F_{MN}^{2}}_{\text{mal}}]$$

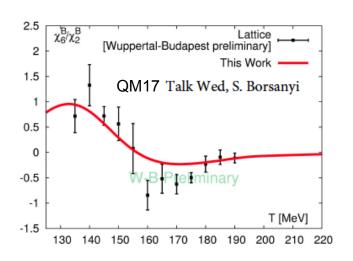


Charged black hole arXiv:1706.00455

$$\frac{\rho_B(T, \mu_B)}{T^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)!} \chi_{2n}(T) \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n-1}$$

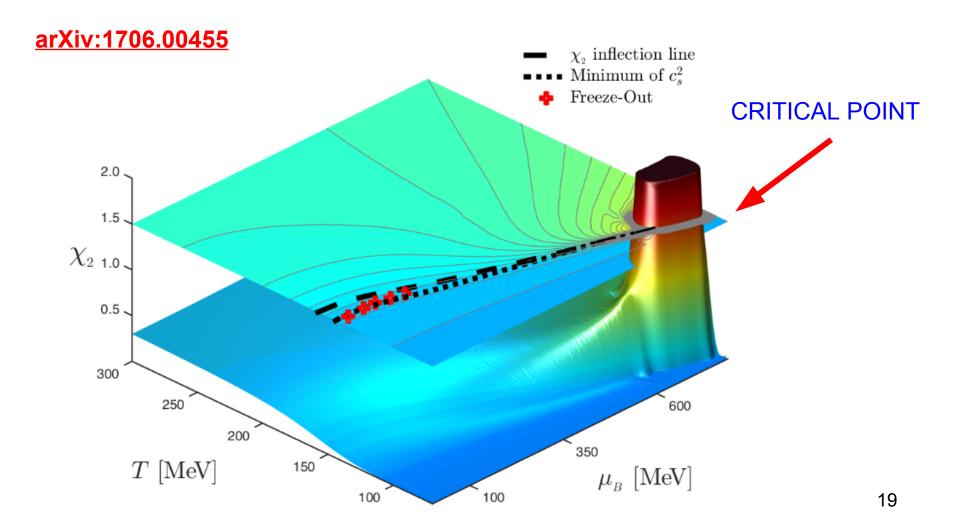


## 2 million numerical black hole solutions!!



#### Location of the QCD critical point from black hole physics

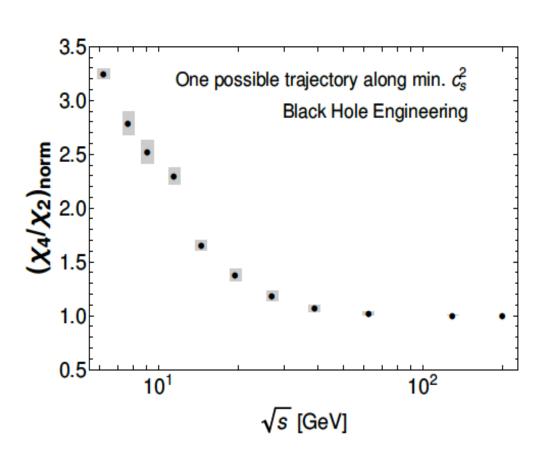
Baryon susceptibility  $\chi_2$  diverges at:  $T_{CEP} = 89 \text{ MeV}, \quad \mu_B^{CEP} = 724 \text{ MeV}$ 



#### Prediction from black hole engineering

#### arXiv:1706.00455

#### Cumulants of the multiplicity of net baryons



$$\kappa\sigma^2\sim rac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B}$$

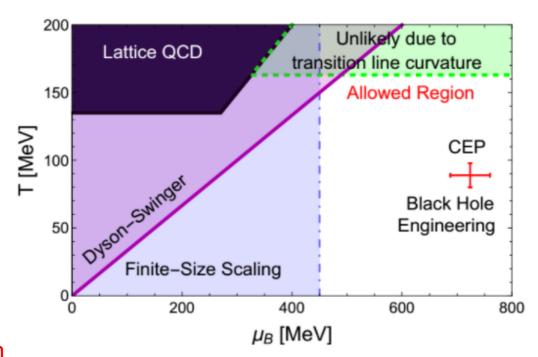
#### Critical point located at:

$$\sqrt{s} = 2.5 - 4.1 \text{ GeV}$$

Non-monotonic behavior depends on chemical freeze-out trajectory (outside critical region)

This behavior can be checked at RHIC BES II. Other experiments?

#### **Exclusion diagram for the location of the critical point**



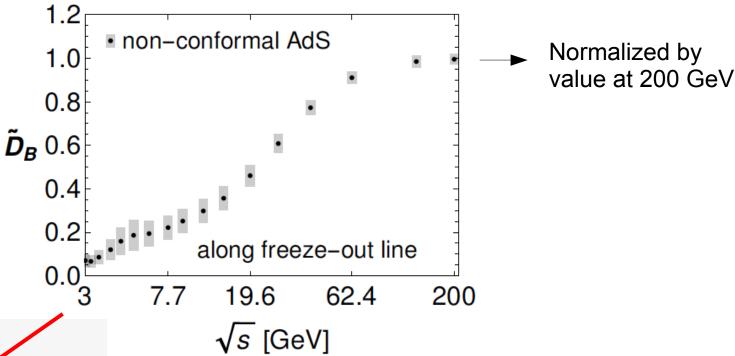
## Diagram based on results from

- A. Bazavov et al. Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017)
- Fraga, Palhares, Sorensen, Phys. Rev. C84 (2011)
- R. Bellwied et al., Phys. Lett. B751 (2015)

#### Suppression of baryon diffusion at the BES II

At critical point 
$$\chi_2 o \infty \Longrightarrow D_B o 0$$

#### Factor ~ 10 reduction in baryon diffusion at the BES II





Experimental / Phenomenological consequences??

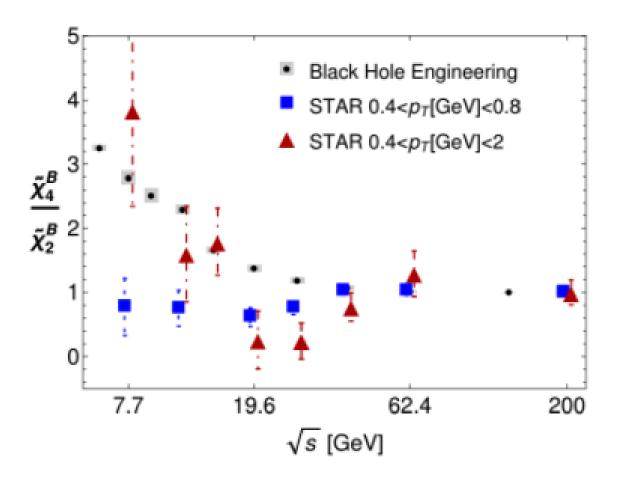
#### **Conclusions**

- Physics of (holographic) black holes predict a critical point at

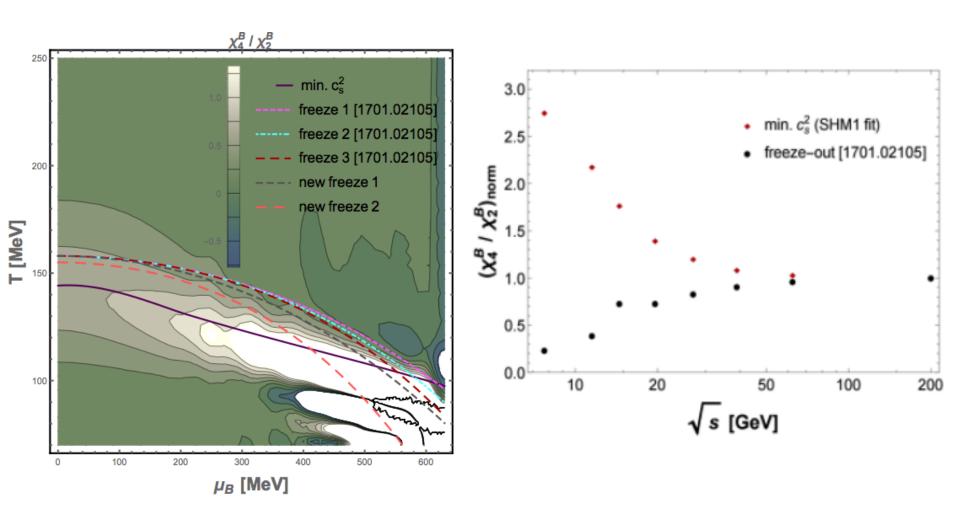
$$T_{CEP} = 89 \text{ MeV}, \quad \mu_B^{CEP} = 724 \text{ MeV}$$

- This corresponds to  $\sqrt{s}=2.5-4.1~{
  m GeV}$
- Baryon charge gets "stuck" in the BES QGP liquid
- Characteristic temperatures of equilibrium and dynamical quantities have a wide spread in the crossover region
- Transport coefficients at zero baryon density within current estimates from hydro models (Bayesian analysis)

### **EXTRA SLIDES**



#### Dependence on the chemical freeze-out trajectory



- Start with a nontrivial UV fixed point strongly interacting CFT.
- Add a relevant scalar operator → nontrivial IR behavior
- The scalar potential is an **input** of the theory

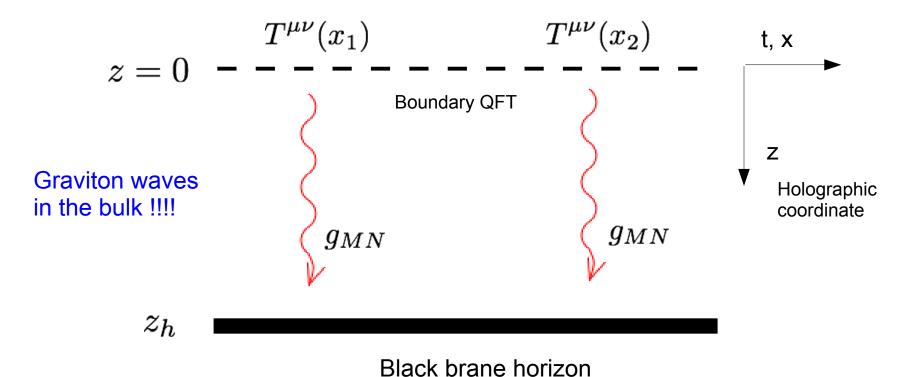
$$V(\Phi) = \frac{-12\cosh\gamma\Phi + b_2\Phi^2 + b_4\Phi^4 + b_6\Phi^6}{L^2}$$

$$\gamma = 0.63, b_2 = 0.65, b_4 = -0.05, b_6 = 0.003$$

completely fixed by requiring that the model describes lattice QCD results at finite T (and zero baryon density)

#### - Why is this useful for QGP physics?

Retarded correlator of the energy-momentum tensor  $\,G_{R}^{xy,xy}\,$ 



#### Universality and perfect fluidity

 $\lambda \gg 1$  in QFT  $\rightarrow$  string theory in weakly curved backgrounds

d.o.f. / vol.  $\rightarrow \infty$  in QFT  $\rightarrow$  vanishing string coupling

 $T, \, \mu$  in QFT  $\, 
ightarrow \,$  spatially isotropic black brane

For anisotropic models there is violation see arXiv:1406.6019

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Universality of shear viscosity

Kovtun, Son, Starinets, PRL 2005

Universality of black hole horizons



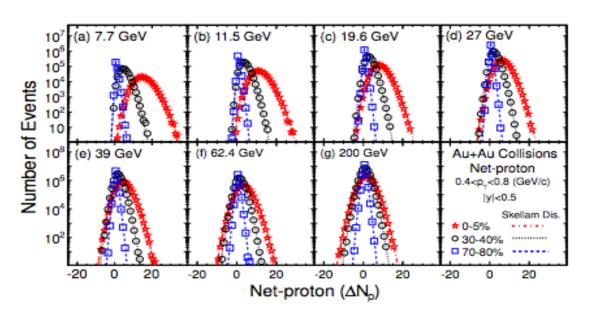
**HOLOGRAPHY** 



Universality of transport coefficient in QFT

#### **Connecting the BES scan to theory**

#### Fluctuations of net protons (STAR)



mean:  $M = \chi_1$ 

variance :  $\sigma^2 = \chi_2$ 

Cumulants of eventby-event distributions

skewness :  $S = \chi_3/\chi_2^{3/2}$ 

kurtosis :  $\kappa = \chi_4/\chi_2^2$ 

 $S\sigma = \chi_3/\chi_2$ 

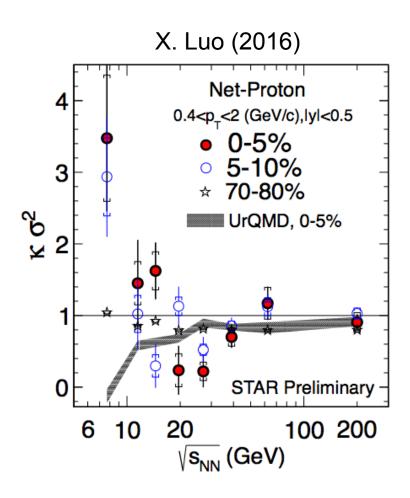
 $\kappa \sigma^2 = \chi_4/\chi_2$ 

Data / theory comparison

$$M/\sigma^2 = \chi_1/\chi_2$$

$$S\sigma^3/M = \chi_3/\chi_1$$

#### **Current status from BES experimental data**



This quantity should be large near the critical point

$$\kappa \sigma^2 = C_4/C_2$$

Ratio of cumulants of net proton distributions

$$\kappa \sigma^2 \sim \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B}$$

Baryon number susceptibilities

$$\chi_n^B(T, \mu_B) = \frac{\partial^n (P/T^4)}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^n}$$

#### Many-body systems at finite density: The Fermi sign problem

This problem appears in QCD at nonzero baryon chemical potential

Even though  $Z(T,\mu_B)$  is well defined

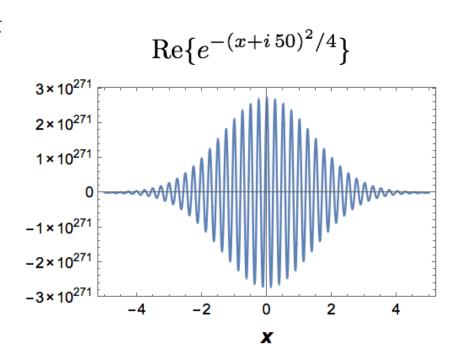
$$\mu_B \neq 0$$

Example: 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \, e^{-(x+ia)^2/4} = 2\sqrt{\pi}$$

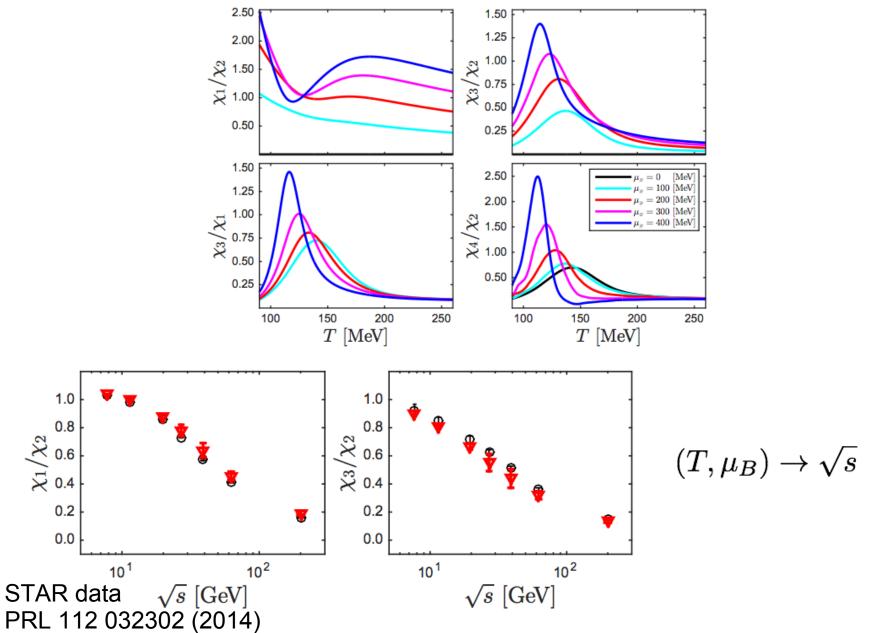
argument from G. Basar

Many-body problem with exponential complexity

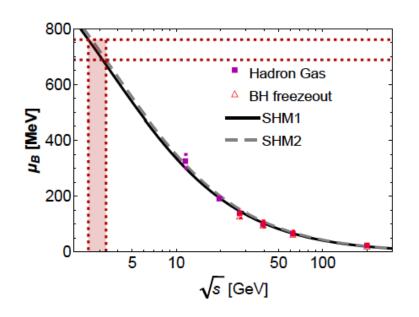
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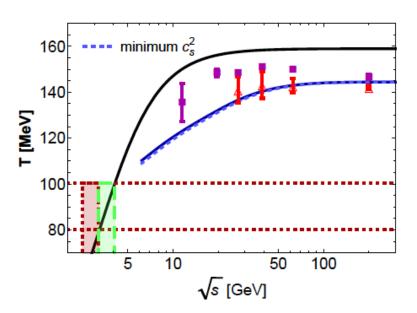


#### Chemical freezeout parameters extracted from comparison to data



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#### Numerical solution of Einstein's equations

$$\phi''(r) + \left[\frac{h'(r)}{h(r)} + 4A'(r) - B'(r)\right]\phi'(r) - \frac{e^{2B(r)}}{h(r)}\left[\frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} - \frac{e^{-2[A(r) + B(r)]}\Phi'(r)^2}{2}\frac{\partial f(\phi)}{\partial \phi}\right] = 0, \quad (S5)$$

$$\Phi''(r) + \left[ 2A'(r) - B'(r) + \frac{d \left[ \ln (f(\phi)) \right]}{d\phi} \phi'(r) \right] \Phi'(r) = 0, \text{ (S6)}$$

$$A''(r) - A'(r)B'(r) + \frac{\phi'(r)^2}{6} = 0$$
, (S7)

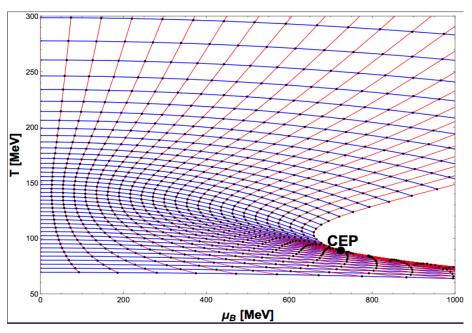
$$h''(r) + [4A'(r) - B'(r)]h'(r) - e^{-2A(r)}f(\phi)\Phi'(r)^{2} = 0, \text{ (S8)}$$

$$h(r)[24A'(r)^{2} - \phi'(r)^{2}] + 6A'(r)h'(r) + 2e^{2B(r)}V(\phi) + e^{-2A(r)}f(\phi)\Phi'(r)^{2} = 0, \text{ (S9)}$$

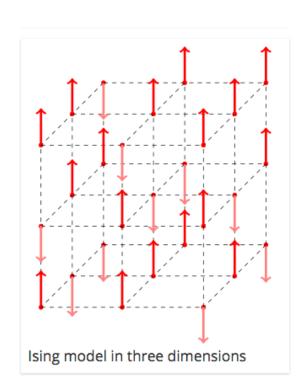
#### Black hole parameters

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#### Gauge theory



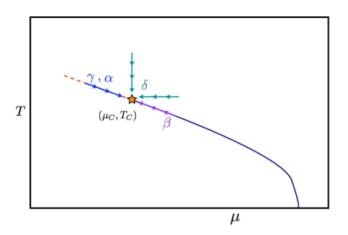
#### Universality class of QCD critical point



	Mean field	3D Ising	Experiment
α	0	0.110(5)	0.110 - 0.116
β	1/2	$0.325\pm0.0015$	0.316 - 0.327
$\gamma$	1	$1.2405\pm0.0015$	1.23 - 1.25
δ	3	4.82(4)	4.6 - 4.9

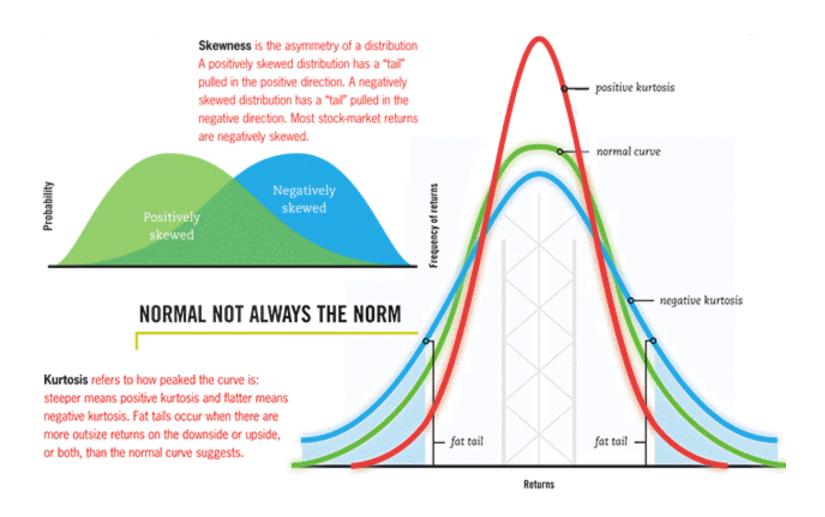
$$\Omega = \int d^3 \boldsymbol{x} \left[ \frac{(\boldsymbol{\nabla} \sigma)^2}{2} + \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 + \ldots \right]$$

#### QCD → 3d Ising universality class

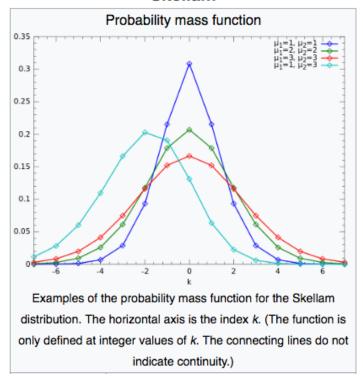


$$C_{\rho} \sim |T - T_c|^{-\alpha}$$
,  $\chi_2 \sim |T - T_c|^{-\gamma}$ ,

$$\Delta 
ho \sim (T_c - T)^{\beta}$$
,  $\rho - 
ho_c \sim |\mu - \mu_c|^{1/\delta}$ ,



#### Skellam

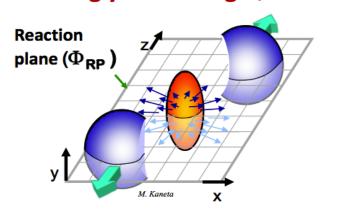


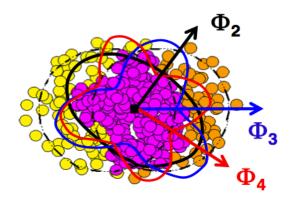
The probability mass function for the Skellam distribution for a difference  $K=N_1-N_2$  between two independent Poisson-distributed random variables with means  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  is given by:

$$p(k;\mu_1,\mu_2) = \Pr\{K=k\} = e^{-(\mu_1+\mu_2)} igg(rac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}igg)^{k/2} I_k(2\sqrt{\mu_1\mu_2})$$

#### How do we "measure" the fluidity of the QGP? Flow Anisotropies

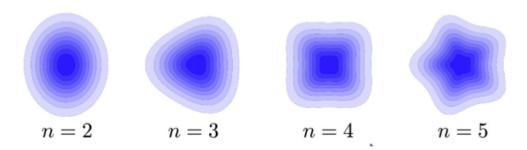
#### **Strongly interacting QGP**





$$E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left[ 1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos\left[n(\phi - \psi_n)\right] \right]$$

Flow harmonics



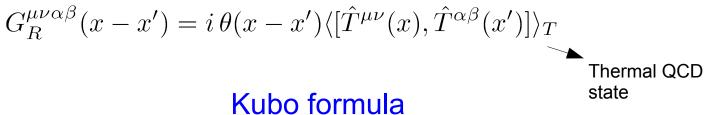
Elliptic flow triangular flow

The real problem of (2) now is the numerator ...

"Holy Grail"

## Retarded energy-momentum tensor correlator





$$\eta = i \partial_{\omega} G_R^{xyxy}(\omega, \mathbf{0}) \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

- Cannot be computed directly on the lattice.
- No one currently knows how to compute this in QCD in its full glory.

## What about weak coupling QCD?

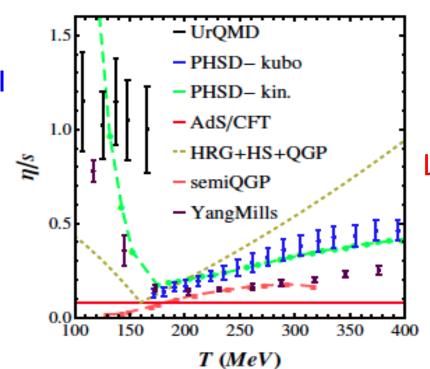
Sufficiently large T + asympt. freedom = QGP is a gas

$$g \ll 1 \ \eta \sim rac{T^3}{g^4 \ln 1/g}$$

Not a perfect fluid!!!

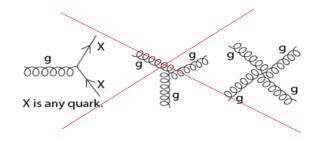
# Phenomenological models

See J. Noronha-Hostler, arXiv:1512.06315



Large uncertainty !!!

## At strong coupling, a quasiparticle description is not useful



## A new organizing principle is needed.

Perfect fluidity should naturally follow directly from it.

## Holography is the only approach where this occurs

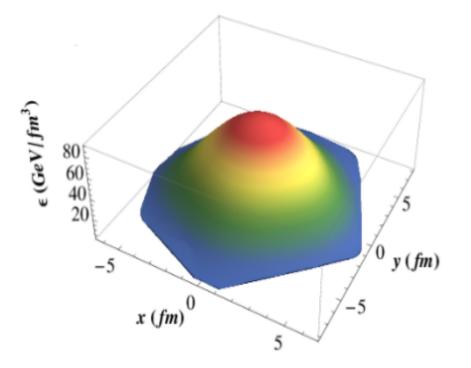
Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.

## Perfect fluidity is an inherent feature of holography

This was all we needed < 2010. The QGP was modeled to be

Smooth over scales of the order ~ 5 -10 fm

## Conformal dynamics, arepsilon=3P



macro 
$$\partial \varepsilon / \varepsilon_0 \sim 1/L$$

micro 
$$\ell \sim 1/T \sim 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$$

Knudsen number

$$K_N \sim \ell \,\partial \varepsilon < 0.1$$

Fluid dynamics at scales of the size of a large nucleus

## Reasonable separation of scales

$$K_N \sim \ell \,\partial \varepsilon < 0.1$$

QGP as a relativistic dissipative fluid

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

conservation law

$$T^{\mu 
u} = arepsilon \, u^\mu u^
u + P \Delta^{\mu 
u} + \pi^{\mu 
u}$$
 Inviscid part Dissipative part

Relativistic Navier-Stokes:  $\pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2 \varepsilon, \partial^2 u)$ 

assumed to be small

Shear tensor Flow velocity

 $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = 2\Delta^{\alpha\beta}_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\beta} \qquad u_{\mu}u^{\mu} = -1$ 

## After 2010, discovery of higher order harmonics of the QGP

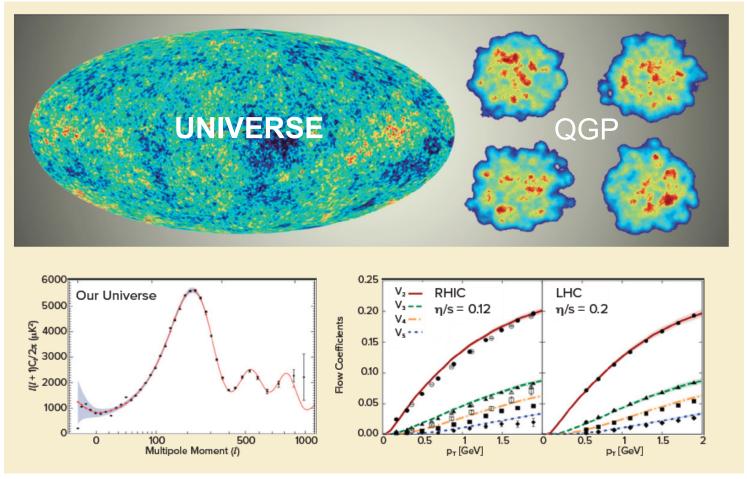


Figure from LRPNS 2015

This has sparked a "Fourier" revolution in heavy ion collisions

## **Shear viscosity**

S. Finazzo, R. Rougemont, H. Marrochio, JN, JHEP 1502 (2015) 051

Universality of isotropic black brane horizons (KSS PRL 2005)

$$\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$$

#### Kubo formula

$$\eta = -\lim_{q \to 0} \lim_{\omega \to 0} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \frac{\partial G_R^{xy,xy}(\omega,q)}{\partial \omega} \right]$$

$$G_R^{xy,xy}(\omega,\vec{q}) = -i \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3}} d^4x \, e^{i(\omega t - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{x})} \, \theta(t) \langle [\hat{T}^{xy}(t,\vec{x}), \hat{T}^{xy}(0,\vec{0})] \rangle$$

- Value in the correct ballpark for heavy ions.
- This fails away from "the Goldilocks temperature zone"

## **Bulk viscosity**

S. Finazzo, R. Rougemont, H. Marrochio, JN, JHEP 1502 (2015) 051

The Kubo formula is 
$$\zeta = -\frac{4}{9}\lim_{\omega \to 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ G_R(\omega, \vec{q} = \vec{0}) \right]$$

Retarded correlator

$$G_R(\omega, \vec{q}) \equiv -i \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3}} d^4x \, e^{i(\omega t - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{x})} \theta(t) \left\langle \left[ \frac{1}{2} T_a^a(t, \vec{x}), \frac{1}{2} T_b^b(0, \vec{0}) \right] \right\rangle$$

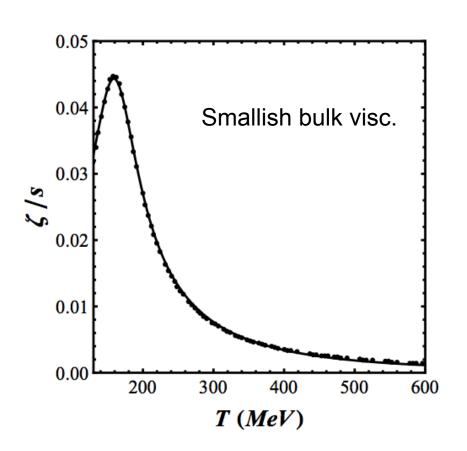
Infalling b.c. for metric fluctuations  $\psi \equiv h_x^x = e^{-2A(\phi)}h_{xx}$ 

$$\psi'' + \left(rac{1}{3A'} + 4A' - 3B' + rac{h'}{h}
ight)\psi' + \left(rac{e^{-2A + 2B}}{h^2}\omega^2 - rac{h'}{6hA'} + rac{h'B'}{h}
ight)\psi = 0,$$

## **Bulk viscosity**

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Infalling boundary conditions:  $\psi(\phi \to \phi_H) \approx Ce^{i\omega t} |\phi - \phi_H|^{-\frac{i\omega}{4\pi T}}$ 



General formula Gubser, 2009

$$\frac{\zeta}{s} = \frac{\eta}{s} |C|^2 \frac{V'(\phi_H)^2}{V(\phi_H)^2}$$

#### **Parametrization for hydro**

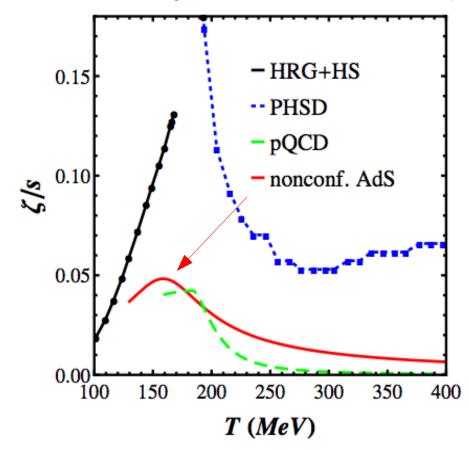
$$rac{\zeta}{s}\left(x=rac{T}{T_c}
ight)=rac{a}{\sqrt{\left(x-b
ight)^2+c^2}}+rac{d}{x^2+e^2}$$

			$T_c = 143.8 \text{ MeV}$			
a	b	c	d	e		
0.01162	1.104	0.2387	-0.1081	4.870		

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## **Bulk viscosity**

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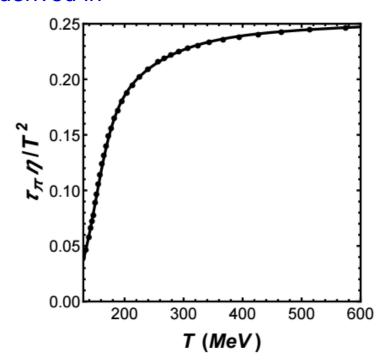
Small value for this transport coefficient in the QGP

## 2<sup>nd</sup> order transport coefficients

#### The shear relaxation time

S. Finazzo, R. Rougemont, H. Marrochio, JN, JHEP 1502 (2015) 051

## Universal formula in the bulk derived in



#### Obtained from a Kubo formula

$$\tau_{\pi} = \frac{1}{2\eta} \left( \lim_{q \to 0} \lim_{\omega \to 0} \frac{\partial^2 G_R^{xy,xy}(\omega,q)}{\partial \omega^2} - \kappa + T \frac{d\kappa}{dT} \right)$$

#### Parametrization for hydro

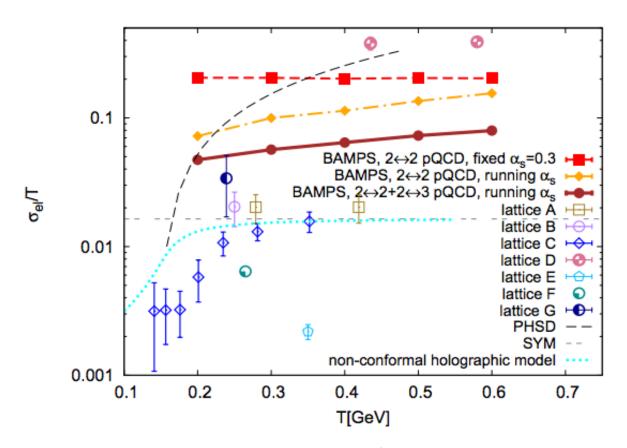
$$au_{\pi}\eta/T^2\left(x=rac{T}{T_c}
ight)=rac{a}{1+e^{b(c-x)}+e^{d(e-x)}+e^{f(g-x)}}$$

			$T_c = 143.8 \; \mathrm{MeV}$				
$\overline{a}$	b	c	d	e	f	g	
0.2664	2.029	0.7413	0.1717	-10.76	9.763	1.074	

## **Electric conductivity**

(still at zero chemical potential)

S. I. Finazzo and J. Noronha, Phys. Rev. D 89, 106008 (2014).

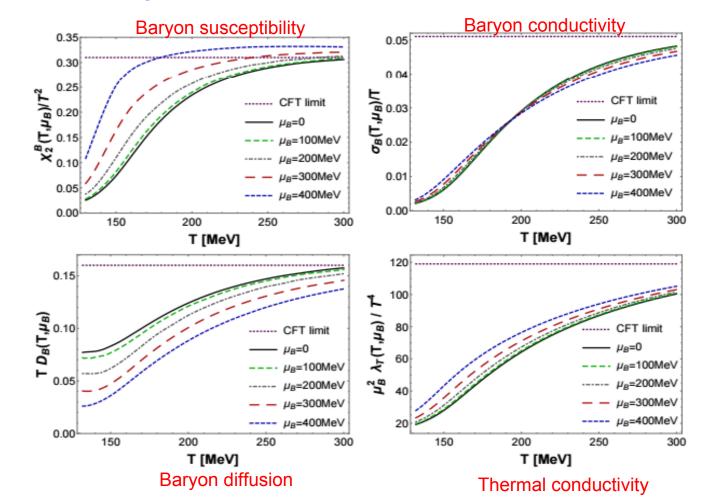


Model seems to be on the right track for thermodynamics and transport

## "Doping" the holographic QGP with quarks

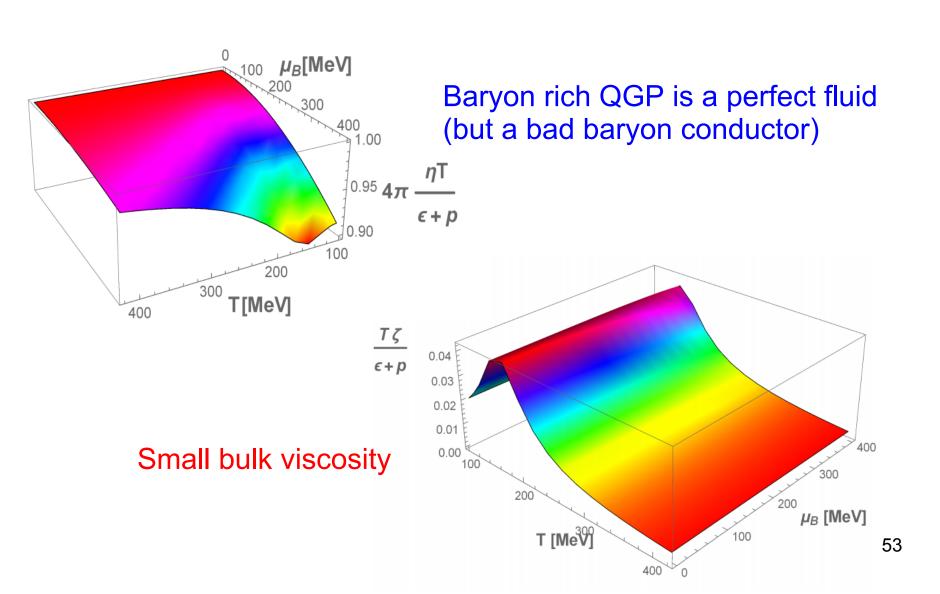
R. Rougemont, J. Noronha-Hostler, JN, PRL 2015.

# Suppression of baryon diffusion and transport for collisions in the BES regime



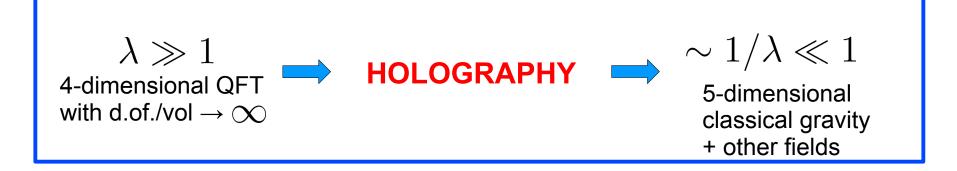
## "Doping" the holographic QGP with quarks

R. Rougemont, A. Ficnar, S. Finazzo, R. Critelli, J. Noronha-Hostler, JN, to appear soon



## Holography becomes simple when:

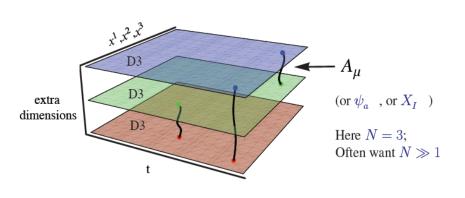
- I) The coupling of the QFT, say,  $\,\lambda\,$  , is  $\,\lambda\gg 1$
- II) The number of d.o.f./volume, N, is very large, i.e., N >> 1.



- Applications in different systems ranging from particle physics to condensed matter physics.

## STANDARD EXAMPLE

$$\mathcal{N}=4$$
 SU(Nc) Supersymmetric Yang-Mills in d=4



Fields in the adjoint rep. of SU(Nc)

- 16 + 16 supercharges
- SU(4) R-symmetry
- SO(6) global symmetry

$$\beta = 0$$
 CFT!!!!

Maldacena, 1997: This gauge theory is dual to Type IIB string theory on AdS\_5 x S\_5

### Strongly-coupled, large Nc gauge theory

$$N_c \to \infty$$

$$\lambda = R^4/\ell_s^4 \to \infty$$

t'Hooft coupling in the gauge theory Weakly-coupled, low energy string theory

$$g_s \to 0$$

$$\ell_s/R \to 0$$

## Universality and perfect fluidity

 $\lambda\gg 1$  in QFT  $\to$  string theory in weakly curved backgrounds

d.o.f. / vol.  $\rightarrow \infty$  in QFT  $\rightarrow$  vanishing string coupling

 $T, \mu$  in QFT  $\rightarrow$  spatially isotropic black brane

## The most general theory in the bulk is:

A theory of gravity (+ other fields) with at most 2 derivatives

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(R + \Lambda + \text{other fields}\right)$$
negative

## On-shell gravity action → generator of retarded correlators

Son, Starinets, 2002

Linearizing the action  $g_{MN} o g_{MN} + \delta h_{MN}$ 

$$arphi(z) \equiv \delta h_y^x(z)$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $\Box arphi = 0$   $G_R^{xy,xy}$  Massless scalar field coupled to gravity in the bulk Retarded correlator in the gauge theory

Entropy density 
$$ightarrow s = rac{ ext{area}}{4G_5}$$

## Bekenstein's area law

$$\eta = i \partial_{\omega} G_R^{xyxy}(\omega, \mathbf{0}) \Big|_{\omega=0} = \frac{\text{area}}{16\pi G_5}$$

#### **UNIVERSAL**

 $\sigma_{abs}(0) = ext{area}$  Das, Gibbons, Mathur, 1996

Kovtun, Son, Starinets, 2005

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Universality of black hole horizons



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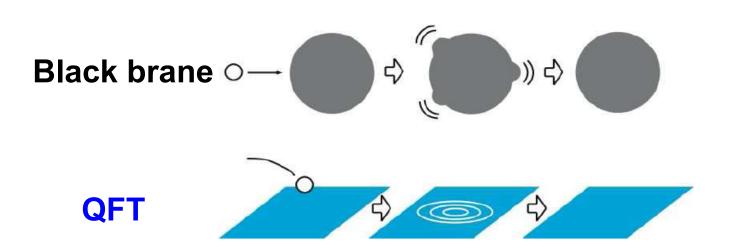


Universality of transport coefficient in QFT

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Universality of transport coefficients in QFT



Dissipation of sound waves = Dissipation of black hole horizon disturbances

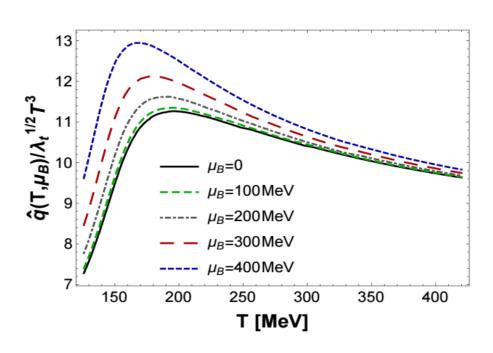
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### "Doping" the holographic QGP with quarks

Rougemont, Ficnar, Rougemont, Noronha, arXiv:1507.06556 [hep-th] (JHEP).

$$\langle W_{L\times L^-}^{({\rm adjoint})}\rangle \approx \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}\hat{q}L^-L^2\right]$$

#### Jet quenching parameter





Charged black hole

Predictions for light quark energy loss in a baryon rich medium

Jets should be much more quenched at finite density

Therefore, by classifying the different operators in the d-dimensional theory according to their Lorentz structure we see that

Such that  $\Phi(x,a)\mathcal{O}(x)=J(x)\mathcal{O}(x)$  is added to the d-dimensional Hamiltonian and so forth.